

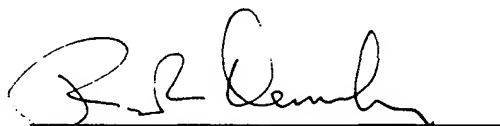
Claims 1 - 20 remain in the application. No new matter has been added. The section entitled CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS has been amended to correct a typographical error in the date of the cited Provisional Application, which was incorrectly stated as "October 20, 2001." Accordingly, the application has been amended to include the correct date of --October 20, 2000.--

No additional costs are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, should any fees be due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1133. A copy of this page is enclosed for this purpose.

If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding issues to be resolved with respect to the above-identified application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience so that such issues may be resolved telephonically.

Respectfully submitted,

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